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## *Happenings at GSU*

- 3/4** 7th Annual Professional Development Conference, "Access and Equity in Education," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 3/8** U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds, guest speaker for "U.S. and Illinois Elections" class, 7:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 3/10** "Career Counseling for Change: Helping Students Transition from School to Work" national videoconference, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 3/11** Annual Student Art Show, opening reception 7 to 8:30 p.m., GSU Art Gallery.
- 3/12** College of Education Career Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., GSU Hall of Governors.
- 3/13** GSU Alumni Association  
- **31** Phonathon, Engbretson Hall.
- 3/22** Political pundit Thomas Roeser, guest speaker for "U.S. and Illinois Elections" class, 7:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.
- 3/29** U.S. Rep. George Sangmeister, guest speaker for "U.S. and Illinois Elections" class, 7:30 p.m., Hall of Honors.

## **Manual helps professors with AIDS discussions**

With funding from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and assistance from professors and university staff across the state, Governors State University Professor David Matteson has compiled a manual of innovative approaches to incorporate AIDS discussions into the college classroom.

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## **'Living Lit' class takes 20th century approach**

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Some of the world's best-loved classics are coming to life in the 20th century at Governors State University.

Before the cameras in Studio A, Dr. Jeffery Lynch is offering students the chance to rediscover the writings of Homer, Dante, Goethe, Tolstoy and others in his class "Living Literature: The Classics and You."

But the English professor from Eastern Illinois University isn't offering just another literature course. He has designed this teleclass as an exploration of characters and plots in a discovery of their relevance to life today. Dr. Lynch has students examining such themes as value systems, aging, love, identity, God and religion, family struggles, illusion and reality, the problems of gender, and war and violence.

Interspersed with course discussion are special segments featuring experts in the field best related to the reading. For example, when the class read *Antigone*, retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice Seymour Simon discussed the moral right in Antigone's confrontation with Creon. When the focus was the Bible's Book of Job, the guest was Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?*, who discussed Job's enduring faith in God.



*Dr. Jeffery Lynch gives pointers to students before the taping of 'Living Literature.'*

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## **President Wolff asks state to link service, learning with student aid**

Governors State University President Paula Wolff has proposed a pilot program that ties community service/learning approaches to state financial aid for Illinois' non-traditional college students.

"I believe we need to help part-time students — and particularly our many and growing numbers of less than half-time students (taking five or fewer credit hours per trimester) who now are not eligible for student financial assistance — and also we need to reform our curricula and strengthen community service in Illinois," she told members of The Committee to Study Affordability of the Illinois Board of Higher Education at its recent meeting.

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# Financial aid proposal would benefit GSU student

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In her proposal, the president said her idea to link financial aid to a community service component in the curriculum has four objectives: 1) curricular change, 2) encouraging community involvement by all students, 3) affording financial support to a new and growing category of non-traditional students, and 4) more intensely connecting the education our taxpayers and students pay for with the employment needs of the economy.

"We must acknowledge that knowledge — that portable yet 'individually owned' commodity — is the key to personal vocational success and local, regional, national and global economic viability," Dr. Wolff told committee members.

"So we must change our curricula to reflect the 'knowledge base' all functioning economic citizens will need; we

must reinforce at the state level, as we are at the national, the importance of the relationship between classroom learning and giving back to the community; we must award financial aid to the students who are working full time and going to school just to stay employed or to get ahead in their lives; and finally, we must see how these first three genuinely can and should cause the disjunction between higher education and the world of work and community to diminish," she continued.

The federal government has begun to promote community service as a link to student financial assistance, but it does not involve the typical GSU student — the less than part-time student taking six or fewer credit hours per trimester.

Dr. Wolff asked the committee to consider accepting curricula changes so that service is "integral to course

work in such a way that one's study informs the community sector and the service makes the study more relevant and meaningful. We have countless opportunities to link service and learning!"

That being the case, the GSU president proposed "using financial aid dollars as a carrot." The state's Monetary Award Program (MAP) should include need-based funding for these less than part-time students who would be willing to learn through work at community service organizations as part of a university's service-learning curricular development.

Dr. Wolff called the non-eligibility of less than half-time students "a great problem, and mine is likely not to be its only solution." She put forth the proposal "as a basis for discussion and point of departure as we all focus on the problem of how most constructively we can help all our Illinois students."

## College, political leaders discuss education access, equity

Governors State University President Paula Wolff will be joined by Argie Johnson, superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Ronald Temple, chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago, and others for a March 4 discussion of "Access and Equity in Education."

The major topics of discussion at the 7th Annual Professional Development Conference will be who has passage to our nation's schools and colleges, and

once beyond the threshold, what is the quality of the educational services the students receive.

Representatives from area colleges and universities will gather for the daylong meeting sponsored by the Illinois Council for College Attendance.

Dr. Wolff, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Temple will lead the 9:15 a.m. opening session on access and equity.

Luncheon speakers Illinois Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones (D-Chicago), Ill. Sen. Alice Palmer (D-Chicago), and U.S. Reps. Bobby Rush and Mel Reynolds will discuss how education funding is allocated at all levels. They also will discuss the school vouchers and charter schools proposals, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Priorities, Quality and Productivity (PQP) Initiative.

The afternoon keynote speaker will be Dean Barbara Sizemore, College of Education, at DePaul University.

Participants will attend a variety of informative workshops covering affirmative action issues, non-traditional programs for adult learners, challenges and opportunities for bilingual stu-

dents, and articulation between two- and four-year institutions. Each session will be led by presenters who have a wealth of experience in their particular fields. GSU presenters will be Peg Donohue, director of community college relations, and Dr. Otis Lawrence, director of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program.

### GSU's Lincoln Laureate



Governors State University senior Tammy Jo Maher (right) receives the state's highest student honor, the Lincoln Laureate Award, from Governor Jim Edgar and GSU President Paula Wolff in recent ceremonies. Maher was selected for her academic standing and extracurricular involvement.

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## GSU hosts BGU 'Living Lit' teleclass

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Dr. Lynch also features **Professor David Clines**, **Dr. Rachel Falconer** and **Professor Mick Hattaway** of University of Sheffield, and **Professor A.D. Nuttall**, of New College at Oxford, whose interviews were taped during a week's visit to England, and psychiatrist **Dr. Wil Gaylin** of the Hastings Institute, author of *Adam and Eve and Pinocchio*.

"One of the highlights of doing a teleclass is that I can bring these people in as resources," Dr. Lynch explained. "In a typical classroom, I wouldn't be able to do that."

"I think of the course as widening the frame of reference," he said, because so many students have read the classics years before, and they find great relevance to the works when they can understand that what was discussed centuries ago has valued meaning today.

Dr. Lynch is the fifth professor to do a teleclass at GSU under the auspices

of the Board of Governors Universities. The teleclasses have been recognized as a sharing of faculty expertise among the BGU's five universities — Governors State, Chicago State, Northeastern Illinois, Eastern Illinois and Western Illinois. Previous teleclasses have been marketed with great success through Adult Learning Service, an affiliate of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

**Dr. David Ainsworth**, GSU coordinator of instructional development, has led the BGU teleclass series from its inception. The teleclasses, he says, have helped to "enrich the curriculum. What I see is an incredible advantage for distance learning students who get the benefit of classroom discussion with the best professors in the system who are bringing some of the most respected names in their professions to campus (via videotape) to share their insights."

**Tony Labriola** is producing the 24 programs of "Living Literature."

## Manual presents AIDS focus in courses

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For example, a professor in the geography department at Dartmouth College included AIDS as part of class discussions on migration. He cites an example of research of where people diagnosed with HIV migrate after they are told the news.

**Professor Mark Klepis** at St. Xavier University in Chicago asked his math students to focus on the reliability of testing and the mathematical meaning of someone receiving a false positive HIV test.

These and other efforts to educate students about AIDS through course work are included in the informational manual, "Teaching HIV/AIDS in Your College Courses." Dr. Matteson served as editor for the manual, a special project for the Illinois Post-Secondary HIV Prevention Education Project, a statewide consortium of about 70 higher education institutions.

The GSU professor of psychology and counseling has worked to collect a variety of creative ways the topic of

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) can be brought into college courses.

The manual includes a listing of courses in which professors are including HIV/AIDS materials, suggestions from faculty on how the issues of AIDS and HIV prevention can be introduced and made relevant to the curriculum, a listing of college staff willing to discuss their work through an AIDS curriculum network, and a resource guide with sources for everything from additional information to the latest statistics from the CDC.

**Dr. Matteson** has spent the past five years doing research on HIV/AIDS and conducting informational meetings on the subject.

"I'd say the last five years people are much more aware of AIDS, and they know it's not just a gay problem; it's no longer a disease for risk groups (but rather) for risk behaviors," he said.

## GSUings

**Provost Sven Groennings**, speaking on "Economic Return on Educational Investment" in November at a major academic/business/community breakfast for 1,000 people as part of the University of Nebraska's 85th anniversary celebration. Also serving as dinner speaker, giving two radio interviews and appearing on a half-hour television talk show for the anniversary celebration...**Dr. Mary Geis** (CHP), being elected in November to a second term as chairperson of the Advisory Council for the Suburban Area Agency on Aging...And participating in a panel presentation at Little Company of Mary Hospital on "Coping with Grief"...**Barbara Conant** (UL), giving a presentation in November for the Suburban Library System Continuing Education series on research resources relating to African-Americans in the later half of the 20th century...**Dr. Sonya Monroe** (CHP), attending the national conference for Baccalaureate Program Directors of social work undergraduate programs in Baltimore, Md., in October and chairing a session on teaching statistics to undergraduate social work students...**Dr. Paul Green** (IPPA/CBPA), speaking at the opening session of the Township Officials of Illinois association's 86th Annual Educational conference held in November in Springfield...**Professor Clementine Coleman** (CHP), being interviewed on the Kwanzaa celebration for an article in the journal *Friends*, November/December 1993 issue...**Dr. Joyce Morishita** (CAS), serving as juror for the February Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition at Kankakee Community College...**Dr. George Garrett** (CE), presenting at a political forum for the Chicago Council for Exceptional Children on "Inclusion: Best Interest or Bad Interference" in February...**Janet Rohdenburg** (UL), participating in the Park Forest Village sponsored Prejudice Reduction Training Institute at Freedom Hall in February.

# Biosphere deemed success for science, mankind

BY MARILYN THOMAS

After two years in Biosphere 2, Linda Leigh has proven the naysayers wrong.

Scientists, executives and others told

tight steel and glass bubble on 3.15 acres outside Tucson, Ariz.

Together they re-created the earth's ecosystems — an ocean, a desert, a savannah, a rainforest, a marsh, an area for farming and living quarters. From around the globe, they gathered plants, animals, fungi and protozoa that would be necessary for the ecosystem, and then locked themselves into their new home Sept. 26, 1991.

Leigh and her colleagues became 20th century pioneers. Not only did they have to work to keep their environment thriving and their work documented, but they also had to prepare their own foods from

their garden. "We had to be good farmers," she said, recalling how hungry they were. The crew's diet, low calorie and rich in nutrients, consisted primarily of grains and vegetables, goat's milk and peanuts. At one point, Leigh's weight dropped from 123 to 108 pounds.

The project had its problems. The termites died, so the crew had to trim the grasslands themselves. The desert went dormant and turned into a coastal scrub area, and at one point the crew found its oxygen level depleting from the conventional 21 percent down to 14 percent.

Each activity and each problem took coordination. "It was very hard work," she recalled, and little time was left for relaxation. When they would have Sundays off, they'd have beach parties by the ocean, song fests or food feasts.

In their Biosphere society, peanuts became valuable money "because we were so hungry." It was a paperless community — even toilet paper was banned. Everything that society considers waste, the Biosphere crew used for composting. Its waste waters were recycled and purified through a filtration process.

Leigh admitted "...it was hard being with only seven people for that long a time...we could all work well (together), but not play well." She enjoyed the interactions with visitors who would walk up to the Biosphere, and she'd spend evening hours visiting via the phone or at her computer reading newspapers and corresponding through electronic mail.

Although crew members knew they could leave at any time before their two-year commitment was completed, no one did. Their work and personal endeavors kept them going. "I never got bored. I never wanted to leave. Basically, I loved it. There were some really wonderful times." Leigh said she would happily volunteer again, but for a shorter time frame.



Linda Leigh

her a biosphere couldn't be built and if it were it wouldn't succeed, but it is Leigh who is now pointing with pride at her accomplishments.

She admits "we didn't know what was going to happen because it'd never been done before," but the successes have shown that science research and the experimental way of life are possible, Leigh told an audience at GSU.

Leigh, a botanist, joined a staff of more than 100 scientists and technicians in 1986 and spent the next six years designing, building and recreating the biosphere, or earth, in an air-



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## Grapevine

### **GSU professor, graduates seeking elective office**

If you live in the south suburbs and plan to vote in the Democratic primary March 15, you may notice a few familiar names on the ballot.

Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program graduate **Richard Kelly**, a former Illinois state senator, is campaigning for a seat on the Cook County Board from the new 6th District. And fellow graduate **Rep. Frank Giglio**, who is retiring from the Illinois House after 20 years, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 12th Congressional District.

**Dr. Robert Donaldson**, professor in the public administration program in the College of Business and Public Administration, is on the ballot for the 5th District on the Cook County Board, and former GSU professor **Maria Pappas**, who taught in the Division of Psychology and Counseling in the 1980s, is campaigning for president of the Cook County Board.

### **Retiree works with 'Library Ambassador' program**

**Ursula Sklan**, who recently retired from her position in the Admissions and Student Recruitment Office, has agreed to continue her GSU work as a volunteer with the Library Ambassador program. She delivered the winter schedules to libraries in Park Forest, University Park, Steger, Crete, Chicago Heights, Homewood, Flossmoor, Richton Park and Matteson.

For the spring-summer trimester, she hopes to recruit other retired employees who will spread the GSU word into Hazel Crest, Frankfort, South Holland, Harvey and Peotone.

### **Incentive program motivates movers' productivity**

When the library staff was told it would have to move thousands of bound volumes of documents and serials so overhead lights could be installed, administrators were in a quandary on how to get the job done. A suggested incentive plan proposed by **Marie Turak** that offered staff compensatory time for their efforts brought out numerous volunteers, and in a matter of hours the project was completed. Most staff used the earned time in lieu of vacation days over the Christmas holiday. Others are using it as release time, according to **Barbara Conant**, acting library director.

### **National leader is speaker for diversity program**

The GSU community is invited to hear **Dr. Reginald Wilson**, senior scholar at the American Council on Education, address the issue "Cultural Diversity: Ethical Issues That Bring Us Together, That Pull Us Apart" at the 1994 Ethics Seminar. Dr. Wilson is co-author of *Human Development in the Urban Community*, and editor of *Race and Equity in Higher Education*.

Registration for the March 3 program will be conducted at 9 a.m. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hall of Honors with a discussion of the ethical issues that bring us together. The afternoon session at 12:15 p.m. will focus on the ethical issues that pull us apart.

This program is hosted by the President's Office.

## **Cafeteria menu**

*(Week of Feb. 28- March 4)*

**Monday**—Sausage/egg biscuit. Cream of chicken soup, chili; Polish sausage; beef stew over biscuit; fresh pasta and sauces; pizza.

**Tuesday**—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Garden vegetable soup, chili; Italian beef; pecan chicken, sweet potato, vegetable; the wokery, pizza.

**Wednesday**—Ham/cheese omelet, toast. Potato chowder, chili; quarter pound cheeseburger; Quiche Lorraine, herbed bread, fresh fruit; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Thursday**—Egg, bacon, cheese on croissant. Beef barley soup, chili; tuna melt; cat fish, fries, coleslaw; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

**Friday**—Continental breakfast. Crabby Swiss, chili; Monte Cristo; beef or chicken tacos; pizza.

*(Week of March 7-11)*

**Monday**—Ham/cheese omelet with toast. Beef noodle soup, chili; Philly cheese steak sandwich; roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, vegetable; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Tuesday**—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Chicken rice soup, chili; Maxwell Street-style Polish; baked mostaccioli, vegetable, garlic bread; the wokery; pizza.

**Wednesday**—Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast. Minestrone soup, chili; Italian chicken breast sandwich; turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables; fresh pasta, sauces; pizza.

**Thursday**—French toast, bacon. Cream of broccoli soup, chili; fishwich and cheese; southern fried chicken, potatoes, vegetable; grilled chicken, Caesar salad; pizza.

**Friday**—Continental breakfast. Manhattan clam chowder, French dip sandwich, potato bar.

## Employee of the Month

# Rozier's contagious positive attitude a plus for GSU associates, workers

BY MARILYN THOMAS

**LouElla Rozier** loves her job, and it shows.

The February "Employee of the Month" has a contagious smile, a good word about everyone and a commitment to her job that has caught the eye of more than her co-workers in the Business Office.

From the day she walked in to Governors State University as a Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts student, people have remembered Rozier because of her positive attitude and pleasant personality.

Now as an employee, Rozier's contributions to her department are being recognized.

"She has helped to organize the purchasing department's flow of paperwork. She expedites requisitions in as timely a manner as possible, and she is very patient with the many vendors that she has to deal with on a daily basis," **Shelina Hurd** told the nominating committee.

"The Purchasing Department handles mass quantities of paperwork daily and LouElla is always on the go to reconcile all matters as quickly as time allows," Hurd said.

Rozier learned the value of organization working as the records supervisor for the Maywood Police Department and later as assistant to the supervisor of the Cook County court reporters.

Rozier's first assignment two years ago in the GSU Business Office was in requisitions. Now she is in charge of direct payouts for such things as conference registrations and subscriptions. She's handling the ARA Services Inc. food service account, and pays all the utility bills for the main campus and the Orland Park Extension Center.

Rozier also is studying catalogs and brochures as she trains to become the top buyer for janitorial supplies and science equipment. She's learning about



**LouElla Rozier**

what works and doesn't work and why GSU uses certain products.

"Purchasing isn't boring. It's much more than I thought. I'm constantly talking to vendors and personnel. It's not cut and dried," Rozier

explained. "I start with an order, then go for bids, and sometimes I can even negotiate the best price for our purchases."

Rozier said the job has her "learning and that's great." For her, learning has been a continuing process. "Since I came to GSU, everything I've done was a learning process."

She got a bachelor's degree from GSU in 1991 and a master's in communication studies in 1992. Even now, Rozier is taking the beginning Spanish language class offered on campus through Prairie State College.

"LouElla is extremely upbeat when most of us are dragging and are ready to fall out. She helps me, as well as others, feel chipper with her lively and positive attitude," Hurd added.

Rozier admits to being upbeat. "You have to stay positive. I think it's the atmosphere here. Maybe I'm just a people person. If someone's down then I try to make things better."

Rozier and her husband, **Robert**, live in Country Club Hills. They are the parents of five daughters and four grandchildren.

## Congratulations

To **Peg Donohue**, director of community college relations, on the birth of her granddaughter, **Danielle**, Feb. 17.

## Two get on-the-job learning through staff internships

Two Civil Service employees are getting on-the-job training through support staff internships.

**Vanessa "Star" Anderson** is working in the Office of Conferences/Workshops and Weekend College assisting **Dr. Dominic Candeloro**. Her full-time assignment continues through Aug. 30.

Anderson is developing a strategic curriculum plan and handling the promotions, writing, budgeting and logistics of major projects. She will coordinate at least three events per trimester.

Anderson has been the secretary for the Media-Based Instruction office.

**Janice Washington**, a technical services assistant in the University Library, is learning the work of a benefits counselor during a six-month part-time internship with **Willette Shambley** in the Personnel Office.

Over time Washington will be able to counsel employees on health and life insurance programs, tax exemption options and workers' compensation rules.

The internship program is directed by **Glen Abbott**.

## Volunteers sought for alumni '94 Phonathon

Your chance to pitch in for GSU begins March 13 when the GSU Alumni Association opens its 1994 Phonathon.

"The ongoing success of the annual fund can be directly attributed to the faculty, staff, administrative and student volunteers who work the phones each evening," **Ginni Burghardt**, director of alumni relations, explains.

Past donations have helped the alumni association benefit student scholarships, enable faculty to continue their research through the professional development program, and provide general support to the library.

"Please donate an evening of your time March 13 through 31," Burghardt asks. "Your support is crucial to the success of the alumni fund. Call extension 4128 today."